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**Walla Walla County Announces Increase in COVID-19 Cases and Two Additional Deaths  
*Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe***

Walla Walla, WA - Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) is reporting 454 new COVID-19 cases in the past two weeks (10/29/2020 to 11/11/2020). Putting the county at the highest number of active cases since the onset of the pandemic with over 400 active cases. The 11/08/2020 Washington State COVID-19 Surveillance Report, issued by the federal government identifies Walla Walla County as being in the top three counties with the greatest increase of COVID-19 cases in the past three weeks in the State of Washington.

"We are very concerned about the uptick," said Dr. Larry Jecha, Walla Walla County Public Health Officer. "We've let our guard down—we applaud those who are doing their part, but we know social gatherings are still happening. If we want to keep our businesses open and be able to open schools, we need to dramatically limit social gatherings. If you do gather, use proper safeguards—limited size, masking, and physical distancing—to keep yourself and your loved ones healthy."

The county is also reporting two additional deaths, a local man in his 80's and a local woman in her 70's, who tested positive for COVID-19 passed away.

"We offer our heartfelt condolence to friends and family during this difficult time," said Kara Breymeyer, DCH Preventative Services Division Manager.

Case Overview (as of 11/12/2020 @ 5:00 PM):

- Confirmed Cases: 1,668
- Recovered: 1,211
- Deaths: 13
- Active: 444
  - o In-residence Isolation: 432
  - o Hospitalized: 12

Case counts are subject to change as new cases go through case investigation and tracing. More information about cases, including community of residence, age and gender, can be found on the DCH [website](#).

Walla Walla County is currently in Phase 2 of Governor Inslee's 'Safe Start' plan. Additional information regarding the 'Safe Start' plan can be found on the Governor's [website](#).

As many in our community are feeling the stressful impacts of COVID-19, DCH would like to remind you there are resources available. If you need resources or support, please visit [www.covidwwc.com/struggling-to-cope](http://www.covidwwc.com/struggling-to-cope) or email [health@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:health@co.walla-walla.wa.us). English and Spanish language assistance is available.

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